

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims so that the claim set is as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) ~~A vaccine~~ An immunogenic composition comprising a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 and present in a carrier in an amount effective to elicit production of protective antibodies in an animal against *Streptococcus pneumoniae* when administered to an animal.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Once Amended) ~~The A vaccine of claim 1 wherein said amino acid sequence is identical to~~ comprising a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 and present in a carrier in an amount effective to elicit production of protective antibodies in an animal against *Streptococcus pneumoniae*.

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5-15. (Withdrawn)

16. (Canceled)

17-22. (Withdrawn)

23. (Once Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 6 wherein said polypeptide ~~elicits production of~~ binds to antibodies ~~that protect against infection by~~ *Streptococcus pneumoniae* when administered to an immunocompetent animal.

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24. (Previously added) The isolated polypeptide of claim 23 wherein said amino acid sequence is the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6.

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25-32. (Withdrawn)